IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method of transferring ownership of a volume comprising a plurality of disks from a source file server to a destination file server comprising the steps of:

changing ownership information stored in each of the plurality of disks to an un-owned state from a state of source file server ownership; and

changing ownership information stored in each of the plurality of disks to a state of destination file server ownership from the un-owned state.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of changing ownership information stored in each of the plurality of disks to an un-owned state further comprises the steps of:

changing a first ownership attribute of the disks to an un-owned state; and

changing a second ownership attribute of the disks to an un-owned state

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of changing ownership information stored in each of the disks to a destination file server ownership further comprises the steps of:

changing a first ownership attribute of the disks to a destination file server state; and

changing a second ownership attribute of the disks to a destination file server state.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method for transferring ownership of a volume having a plurality of disks, the method comprising the steps of:

sending a first message to a source file server, the message containing a request for transferring ownership of a volume of disks;

receiving a response from the source file server;

if the response contains abort information, aborting the transfer;

if not, verifying that the volume can be transferred;

if the volume can be transferred, sending a second message to the source file server to perform the first part of a transfer process to transfer ownership from the source file server to an un-owned state;

receiving a response from the source file server after it performed the first part of the transfer process; and

in response to the step of receiving, performing a second part of the transfer process to transfer ownership from the un-owned state to a destination file server.

5. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 4 wherein the second part of the transfer process further comprises the steps of:

changing a first ownership attribute of the disks to a destination file server state; and

changing a second ownership attribute of the disks to a destination file server state.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method for transferring ownership of a volume having a plurality of disks comprising the steps of:

verifying that the disks can be transferred in response to an initial request from a destination file server;

sending an acknowledgement by the source file server to the destination file server;

receiving a second-request from the destination file server;

aborting if the second-request contains abort information;

changing the volume to an off-line status in response to the second-request not containing abort information;

performing a first part of a transfer process, the first part of the transfer process being transferring ownership from the source file server to an un-owned state; and

sending a message to the destination file server to prompt a second part of the transfer process, the second part of the transfer process being transferring ownership from the un-owned state to the destination server.

7. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 6 wherein the first part of the transfer process further comprises the steps of:

changing a first ownership attribute of the disks to an un-owned state; and

changing a second ownership attribute of the disks to an un-owned state.

8. (ORIGINAL) A method of transferring ownership of a volume having a plurality of disks comprising the steps of:

writing a first destination log file;

verifying that the plurality of disks can be transferred;

writing a first source log file;

verifying that the volume can be accepted by the destination;

writing a second destination log file;

writing a second source log file

performing a first part of a transfer process;

writing a third source log file;

writing a third destination log file;

performing a second part of the transfer process; and

erasing the previously written logs.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method of transferring ownership of a volume having a plurality of disks comprising the steps of:

writing a first log file to record a first part of a transfer process;

performing the first part of the transfer process, the first part of the transfer process being changing ownership information stored on each disk of the volume from a source server to an un-owned state;

writing a second log file to record a second part of the transfer process; and

performing the second part of the transfer process, the second part of the transfer process being changing ownership information stored on each from the un-owned state to a destination server.

10. (ORIGINAL) A computer-readable medium for modifying ownership of disks relative to a source file server and a destination file server, the computer-readable medium including instructions for performing the steps of:

in the source file server, moving the disks from a source-owned state to an un-owned state; and

in the destination file server, moving the disks from the un-owned state to a destination-owned state.

11. (ORIGINAL) The computer-readable medium of claim 10 wherein the step of moving the disks to an un-owned state further comprises the steps of:

changing first ownership attribute of the disks to an un-owned state; and

changing a second ownership attribute of the disks to an un-owned state.

12. (ORIGINAL) The computer-readable medium of claim 10 wherein the step of moving the disks from an un-owned state to a destination-owned state further comprises the steps of:

changing first ownership attribute of the disks to a destination-owned state; and

changing a second ownership attribute of the disks to a destination-owned state.

13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A system for transferring ownership of a volume having a disk from a source file server to a destination file server, the system comprising:

means for changing ownership information stored in each of the disk from a state of source file server ownership to an un-owned state; and

means for changing ownership information stored in each the disk from an un-owned state to a destination file server-owned state.

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 13 wherein the means for changing ownership information from a state of source file server ownership to an un-owned state further comprises:

means for changing ownership information stored in a predetermined sector of the disk to an un-owned state; and

means for changing small computer system interface level 3 reservation of the disk to an un-owned state.

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 13 wherein the means for changing ownership information from an un-owned state to a destination file server-owned state further comprises:

means for changing ownership information stored in a predetermined sector of the disk to a destination file server-owned state; and

means for changing small computer system interface level 3 reservation of the disk to a destination file server-owned state.

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method of transferring ownership of a volume having a plurality of disks from a source file server to a destination file server, the method comprising the steps of:

changing a first attribute of ownership from source server ownership to an un-owned state by writing the change to a log file and rewriting the first attribute of ownership on the disk;

changing a second attribute of ownership from source ownership to an un-owned state by writing the change to a log file and rewriting the second attribute of ownership on the disk;

changing the first attribute of ownership from the un-owned state of ownership to destination server ownership by writing the change to a log file and rewriting the first attribute of ownership on the disk; and

changing the second attribute of ownership from the un-owned state to destination server ownership by writing the change to a log file and rewriting the second attribute of ownership on the disk.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 16, further comprising:

in the event of a failure during the process of transferring ownership, utilizing the log files to continue the process of changing ownership.

18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A system to transfer ownership of a volume having a plurality of disks from a source file server to a destination file server, comprising:

means for changing a first attribute of ownership from source server ownership to an un-owned state by writing the change to a log file and rewriting the first attribute of ownership on the disk;

means for changing a second attribute of ownership from source ownership to an un-owned state by writing the change to a log file and rewriting the second attribute of ownership on the disk;

means for changing the first attribute of ownership from the un-owned state of ownership to destination server ownership by writing the change to a log file and rewriting the first attribute of ownership on the disk; and

means for changing the second attribute of ownership from the un-owned state to destination server ownership by writing the change to a log file and rewriting the second attribute of ownership on the disk.

19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 18, further comprising:

in the event of a failure during the process of transferring ownership, means for utilizing the log files to continue the process of changing ownership.

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A system to transfer ownership of a volume having a plurality of disks from a source file server to a destination file server, comprising:

a first computer to change a first attribute of ownership from source server ownership to an un-owned state by writing the change to a log file and rewriting the first attribute of ownership on the disk;

a second computer to change a second attribute of ownership from source ownership to an un-owned state by writing the change to a log file and rewriting the second attribute of ownership on the disk;

a third computer to change the first attribute of ownership from the un-owned state of ownership to destination server ownership by writing the change to a log file and rewriting the first attribute of ownership on the disk; and

a fourth computer to change the second attribute of ownership from the un-owned state to destination server ownership by writing the change to a log file and rewriting the second attribute of ownership on the disk.

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 20, further comprising:

in the event of a failure during the process of transferring ownership, a computer to utilize the log files to continue the process of changing ownership.

22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 20, further comprising:

the first computer, the second computer, the third computer, and the fourth computer are a single computer.

23. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 22, further comprising:

the single computer is the destination server.

24. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 20, further comprising:

the first computer and the second computer are the source server.

25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 20, further comprising:

the third computer and the fourth computer are the destination server.

26. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 2 wherein the first ownership attribute is stored on a predetermined sector of each disk.

27. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 2 wherein the second ownership attribute is a small computer system interface (SCSI) persistent reservation tag.